

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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January 8, 2008

Channel Blockage, Sabine River, Orange, Texas

January 9 and January 10, 2008

The Sabine River across from the Front Street Dock at the Signal International Facility, Orange, Texas will be closed to marine traffic during daylight hours Wednesday, January 9, and Thursday, January 10, 2008. Traffic on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Neches River, and the Sabine Neches Waterway will not be affected.

During this time period, Signal International personnel and equipment will perform loading, ballasting, and unloading operations of a new construction drill rig and related equipment along, and extending from, their Front Street bulkhead, and in the area downriver adjacent to Crumpler Shipyard.

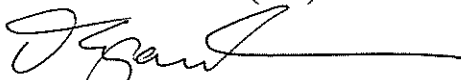
The operation will begin at the Front Street Dock at 05:00 A.M. on the morning of Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Operations will cease for the day at approximately 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 9, and resume in the vicinity of Crumpler Shipyard at 05:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 10, 2008. All work is expected to be finished at approximately 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 10, 2008.

Because the operation will necessitate using all available river space, bank to bank, traffic will not be able to pass the work site during the daytime; however, traffic can proceed as normal on the evening of January 9 and after completion of the operation on the evening of January 10.

For this operation, a Safety Zone will be in effect. Traffic wishing to transit this area should coordinate with Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur on VHF channels 65A, 16, or 13.

Questions about the operation can be addressed to Mr. Jim Booker at Signal International at 409-460-0998, or by VHF radio to the MV's Mr. Jerry or Miss Carol on scene.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.


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